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**PROBABLE HIGH-EXPLOSIVES TEST AREA**  
**NEAR**  
*α* **KASLI, USSR**



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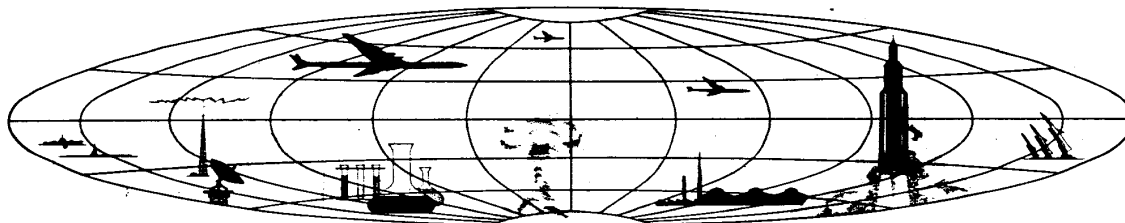


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PROBABLE HIGH-EXPLOSIVES TEST AREA NEAR KASLI, USSR

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Heavily cloud-covered photography of [REDACTED] has revealed an installation (56-12N 60-38E) situated 18 nautical miles (nm) north of Kasli, USSR (Figure 1). It consists of a series of three probable high-explosives test facilities (items 1-3, Figure 2) and a probable "test staging facility" (item 4, Figure 2). These facilities appear to be of recent construction, as indicated by several small excavations (item 5, Figure 2) used for obtaining construction material. It is not believed that these facilities are associated with guided-missile activity.

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The significance of these facilities may be reflected by their similarity to high-explosives test facilities [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 1/ by their location in relation to a nearby (approximately 10 nm) revetted storage area, and by their proximity to Kyshtym, [REDACTED]

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Cloud cover prevents determination of the relationship between these three facilities and the Kyshtym complex, and also precludes determination as to the existence of additional associated facilities.

Approximate dimensions of the structures and clearings at the probable test facilities (items 1-3, Figure 2) are as follows:

Bunkers -- identical in size and shape, 90' x 30' x 25' h w/70' opening.

Probable tanks -- semiburied and relatively positioned at each site, 15' - 20' diameter.

Buildings -- positioned at open side of bunker, one 30' x 15' and one 15' x 15'.

Clearings -- irregular in size and shape, separated by one mile.

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FIGURE 1. LOCATION MAP

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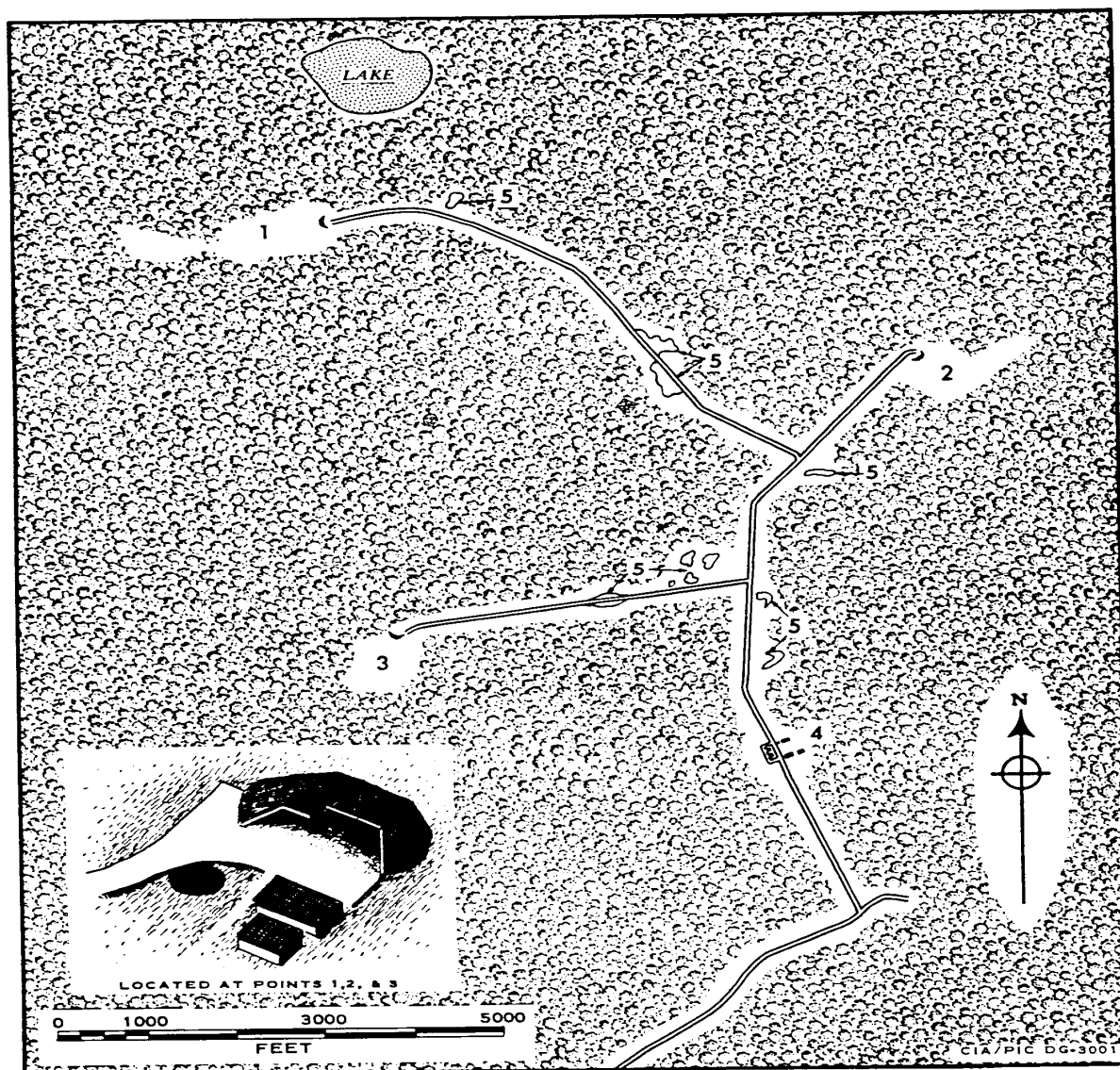


FIGURE 2. LINE DRAWING OF PROBABLE TEST AREA AND PERSPECTIVE OF PROBABLE TEST FACILITY.

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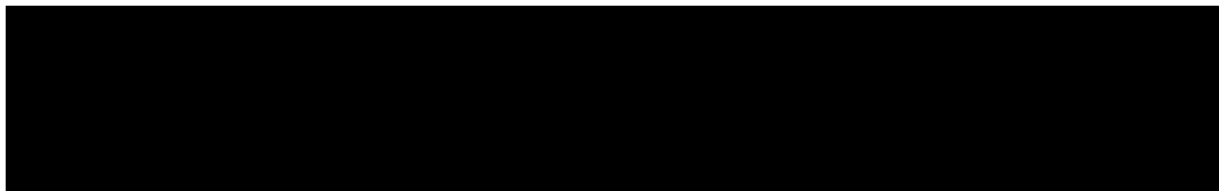
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